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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Sir:

1. You should be acquainted with the lead article in today's edition (Wednesday, 6 November) of the Federal Diary in The Washington Post. It is most relevant to your address to the assembled supergrades tomorrow, and I will make you a small wager that you will receive a question from the floor concerning membership in the "Federal Executives League."

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2. I raised this matter at today's Morning Meeting and counseled caution in the matter of Agency supergrades becoming affiliated with the League. The League has to be viewed like the Airline Pilots Association (ALFA)--despite the pretty words, it represents a union. This Agency has been most fortunate in not being faced during the years with the problem of unionism amongst its employees. We have had, and continue to have, certain concerns in this area. The potential difficulties are found amongst the employees of Printing Services Division, the majority of which are members of the several graphics trades unions; the language instructors in OTR; and the translators in [redacted]. Were it now to develop that the senior levels of the organization were commencing union affiliation, for what would probably be interpreted as self-serving purposes, we are inviting some difficulties I fear we do not wish to face. There seemed to be an understanding of this problem amongst my colleagues at the Morning Meeting table.

3. The phones have been ringing already today, however, from supergrades in the Agency asking if there is a policy position about associating themselves with the Federal Executives League. It may be that you would wish to bring up this matter at the 9:00 o'clock meeting yourself on Thursday for a further airing of the issue prior to your 2:00 o'clock address in the auditorium that afternoon.

/s/ John F. Blake

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